

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives feel it is altogether fitting and proper to pause from time to time to recognize individuals and organizations that have contributed to the welfare of this great state and its citizens; and

Whereas, the members now pause to recognize Laura Hendrickson, a Natural Resource Manager and Park Superintendent for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, at Pomme de Terre State Park, in Pittsburg, Missouri, who has been named Employee of Month by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources; and

Whereas, Laura Hendrickson conspicuously distinguished herself on May 31, 2007, when while swimming with her family at the Pittsburg Area Swim Beach at Pomme de Terre, saw a man, who was not wearing a life jacket, carrying small child, who was wearing a life jacket, on his shoulders entering the water; and

Whereas, Laura Hendrickson noticed that as they swam toward the beach's swim-line rope, the man began to struggle, at which time she convinced the man and let go of the child; and

Whereas, with the assistance of one of her daughters and another swimmer, 911 was contacted, and the child – unharmed – was brought to safety; and

Whereas, Laura Hendrickson dived four times before locating Jeremy Miller, of Bolivar, Missouri, who had sunk to the bottom of the lake, about nine feet, and bringing him to the surface; and

Whereas, with the assistance of another swimmer, J.R. Meyer, Laura Hendrickson was able to bring Jeremy Miller to shore, where CPR was administered and soon Laura Hendrickson was able to detect shallow breathing and a weak pulse before Hickory County first responders arrived, provided oxygen, and arranged for the him to be airlifted to St. John's Regional Health Center, in Springfield, Missouri, where he recovered; and

Whereas, Laura Hendrickson, who has worked for the Missouri Department of Natural Resources since May 1996, lives with her husband, Hickory County Judge Michael O. Henrickson, and their two young daughters and young son in Pittsburg, and they are members of the Prairie Chapel Methodist Church, in Urbana, Missouri:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join to extend our most sincere gratitude to Laura Hendrickson for her heroic efforts and our congratulations on the occasion of her being named the Natural Resources Department Employee of the Month; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Laura Hendrickson.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry D. Wilson
District No. 119

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. ____, adopted ____, 2007.

Rod Jetton, Speaker